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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 4269

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MARR, GR, US

SUBJECT: GOG REQUEST FOR GRANT SUPPORT OF A-7 AND T-2

AIRCRAFT

REF: ATHENS 4209 (NOTAL)

1. ON JULY 5 AMBASSADOR MIGLIARESSIS, DIRECTOR, 3RD DIRECTORATE
MFA CALLED POL/MIL OFFICER TO FONOFF IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AID
MEMOIRE WHICH, MIGLIARESSIS INDICATED, WAS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH
AMBASSADOR PANAYOTACOS DELIVERED TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
STABLER ON JULY 3.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS:

"ALTHOUGH FOUR MONTHS HAVE ALREADY ELAPSED SINCE THE
REMITTANCE IN WASHINGTON OF A LIST OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
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HELLENIC ARMED FORCES IN ORDER OF PRIORITY AND IN SPITE OF THE

FACT THAT THE URGENCY OF MEETING THEM, SO THAT GREECE MAY FULFILL MORE EFFICIENTLY HER MILITARY OBLIGATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATO ALLIANCE, HAS BEEN DULY STRESSED, NONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS, (EXCEPT FOR A \$71 MILLION AID IN CREDIT SALES) HAS BEEN SO FAR MET BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

"IN THE MEANTIME, FOLLOWING THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PURCHASE FROM THE U.S.A. THREE SQUADRONS OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT (A-7E) AND TWO SQUADRONS OF TRAINING AIRCRAFT (T-2C) -- THE RELEVANT CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED IN ATHENS ON JUNE 14, 1974 -- THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE H.A.F. AS REGARDS AIRCRAFT SUPPLY ARE NOT OF ANY CONCERN ANY LONGER. CONTRARY TO THAT, THE SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASED AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL AFFECT THE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE GREEK BUDGET SERIOUSLY PREOCCUPIES THE HELLENIC GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF THE U.S. NAVY COULD PROVIDE TO THE H.A.F., OVER A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, A GRANT SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR THE PURCHASED AIRCRAFT."

3. MIGLIARESSIS EXPRESSED VIEW CONVEYED TO HIM BY HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES THAT U.S. NAVY AND HELLENIC AIR FORCE HAD DISCUSSED MEANS BY WHICH GRANT SUPPORT OF AIRCRAFT COULD BE WORKED OUT. EMBOFF EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT THIS POSSIBLE, BUT UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY AWARE OF LETTERS OF APRIL 17 FROM CNO AND APRIL 19 FROM DIRECTOR OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE DIVISION OFFICE OF CNO, BOTH TO LT. GEN. PAPANIKOLAOU. TEXT OF THESE LETTERS DOES NOT SUPPORT FEELING EXPRESSED BY MIGLIARESSIS THAT GRANT SUPPORT OF A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT CONTEMPLATED BY U.S. NAVY. IF OTHER COMMUNICATIONS INDICATED THIS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING SO INFORMED.
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